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RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDING  
COMPRESSION CODING  
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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 9 to read as follows:

9. (Twice Amended) The compression coding method according to Claim 5, wherein the image capturing condition is at least one of an image magnification, a focusing status and a multi-point focusing status.